to know from the Hon'ble Minister—even if we could not keep pace with the projected growth of the steel industry in the country and could not build as many steel plants as were originally visualised, how was it that Government went in for importing machinery for other steel plants even when such machinery could be fabricated by the Heavy Engineering Corporation, and how is it that the Heavy Engineering Corporation has been asked to diversify into other fields and give up its own original area for imports which are being made under the so-called import liberalisation policy.

SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN: Sir, according to the original product-mix that was meant for repetitive production covering setting up of a steel plant of the capacity of one million tonne per pear. In practice, during the last 27 years, the additional capacity in our steel industry has been only of the order of eight million tonnes. Sir, if I accept the argument that the machinery has been imported, even with the help of the imported machinery, it has been only 8 million tonnes and secondly, as to why sombody took the decision to import some plant, I think, it will be better if this question is addressed to the Steel Minister as I am not aware of the details and facts.

**Restrictions on resale of vehicles**

*364. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of putting restrictions on resale of new Maruti vehicles;

(b) if so, whether Government are also thinking of putting similar restrictions on the resale of new Fiat and Ambassador Cars; and

(c) whether similar restrictions were put on the resale of Bajaj scooters to put an end to blackmarketing in scooters?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) The desirability of imposing restrictions on resale of new passenger cars and vans is under examination.

(c) The restrictions on resale of all types of motorised two wheelers imposed in 1981-82 were with a view to discouraging reported resale of new scooters on premium.

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Sir, restrictions on two-wheelers were meant to stop black-marketing but it is still going on because those who want to sell again, they make the date post-dated and if it is so, why should there be this restriction?

SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN: Sir, will the Hon'ble Member repeat the question?

MR CHAIRMAN: What is your question?

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Sir, those who want to sell the two-wheelers in black, they make this date post-dated and sell it. This has not stopped the blackmarketing. If it is so, why restrictions are going on?

SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN: Sir, while issuing the control order, the aim of the Government was to ensure that no blackmarketing takes place and if some documents which are being forged or post-dated, what can we do about it? But we acted because we received complaints and it was suggested and we also came to the conclusion that imposing this order may help in curbing the sale of scooters in black.

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Sir, I want to ask the Hon. Minister whether restrictions are being imposed on only Maruti or on other cars also like Ambassadors and Fiats. If it is only on Maruti, which is in the public sector, why is this being singled out?

SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN: Sir, I have stated in the reply, and I would like to repeat, that "the desirability of imposing restrictions on resale of new passenger cars", which includes all new cars—and it is only the desirability—"is under examination".

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Sir, there was a proposal just a year back that Members of Parliament would be given an opportunity or would be given some quota to purchase Maruti cars. I would like to know whether it is still there and whether there is any proposal on the part of the Government to lift the ban and given an opportunity for the MPs to register or to purchase Maruti vehicles now.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not relevant. But since it is of interest to Members....

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Sir, he is prepared to answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hear me. It is of interest to Members. Therefore, I am allowing it.

SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN: I do not know if Mr. Mohanarangam will be personally interested in the Maruti car which is a small car.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No deals can be struck here.

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Mr. Chairman, I know full well that the Maruti car will not accommodate me. Knowing this I asked this question because it is in the interest of other Members. Even the Ambassador car will not accommodate me. (*Interruptions*). Where is my *guru*? He is absent.

SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN: I fully appreciate the sentiments expressed by the hon. Member and Sir, we will be very keen that this facility is extended, but, Sir, there is a stay order..

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: He wants a van.

SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN: Even this is covered under the stay order. There is a stay order.

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL: May I explain the position? Sir, all companies which are manufacturing four-wheelers enjoy a certain quota as the management quota. Unfortunately so far as Maruti Udyog Limited is concerned, it is considered as a Government company. Therefore, the view is that since it is a Government company, it cannot operate a management quota. Out of the management quota, some individuals were allotted Maruti cars, but somebody went to the court and got a stay order. The matter is pending in the Supreme Court. We are anxiously awaiting the judgment of the Supreme Court. In the light of the Supreme Court judgment, further action will be taken.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please supply Mr. Mohanarangam with a truck. Next question.

**Price of penicillin**

*365. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price of penicillin on the basis of which a price of Rs. 2100 per kg. has been fixed for the indigenous production of 6-amino-penicillenic acid:

(b) whether indigenous producers of 6 APA have been given enough supply of penicillin at this price; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, how Government expect them to produce 6 APA at the fixed price?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.